### **Minutes: Iowa Council for Early ACCESS**

Date, time, and place

Date: November 21, 2008 Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Place: Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston, Iowa

#### **Attendees**

**Present:** Gladys Alvarez, Jeff Anderson (Mary Nelson) Jodi Angus, Daryl Beall, Scott Beall, Mary Jane Brotherson, Angela Burke Boston, Sara Freiberg, Gina Greene, Andrew Hall, Kelly Hancock, Stacy Kramer, Troy McCarthy, Barbara Merrill, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Debra Sixta, Carolyn Sodders, Mary Stevens, JoAnn Stone, David Van Horn, Debra Waldron, Nansi Woods,

Staff: Julie Curry, Barb Khal, Lisa Naig, Kelly Schulte, Susan White

Excused: Michael Acarregui, Jane Borst, LaMark Combs, Ron Koch, Pablo

Quintanilla, Beth Troutman, Shanell Wagler, Cindy Weigel

Guests: Gail Cavner, Nancy Farstad Peck, Deb House-Deere, Margaret

Jensen, Karie Martindale, Robin Morton, Carmela Murphy

#### Call to order

Kelly Hancock called the meeting to order and introductions of Council members and visitors took place. Quorum was established.

# Approval of previous minutes

Kelly Hancock entertained a motion for approval of the September 19, 2008, minutes. The Council approved the September 19, 2008, minutes as entered.

# Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Family Story	Sara Freiberg
Executive Committee Update	Kelly Hancock
Policy Discussion	Julie Curry
ICEA Committees/Sign-up Sheets	Leaders
Service Coordination Panel	Kelly Hancock
Sharing of Activities	Kelly Hancock
Adjournment	Kelly Hancock

#### **Family Story**

Sara Freiberg

Sara, a Parent Representative on the Panel, presented her family's story of their son, Devon, who was born with Down syndrome. She talked about all the support they have received from NW AEA, family and friends. She explained what Devon has accomplished as a three year old and what goals they have set for his growth.

# Executive committee update

#### Kelly Hancock

Kelly presented highlights from the Executive Committee meeting which was held November 12, 2008.

- The Department of Public Health will be using new developmental and social/emotional screening tools for state funding trainings to promote quality referrals to Early ACCESS. The new screening training tools are the *Ages and Stages Questionnaire* (ASQ) and *Ages and Stages Questionnaire-Social Emotional* (ASQ-SE). Practitioners may still use the *Denver Development Screening Tool II* (DDST), however, the Department of Public Health will only be training on the ASQ and ASQ-SE. Both tools are already widely used by practitioners across the state.
- Janet Gartin, State Family Support Coordinator, shared information about state efforts to improve quality services. She provided an overview of the Iowa Family Support Credentialing Process. For a complete listing of the standards you may find them at <a href="http://www.empowerment.state.ia.us/common/pdf/fs\_standards.pdf">http://www.empowerment.state.ia.us/common/pdf/fs\_standards.pdf</a>
- Barb Khal presented an update of the Positive Behavior Support in Iowa. Additional resources may be found at <a href="https://www.vanderbilt.edu//csefel">www.vanderbilt.edu//csefel</a>
- Marion Kresse presented a quarterly Early ACCESS report regarding callers' concerns and resolutions or current efforts toward resolving their concerns.
- Jim Donoghue provided an update on Medicaid requirements. The biggest change to Medicaid rules is the limitation to one targeted case manager. A workgroup has been created to look at implications of rule change on the Part C system. At the time of his update, 185 children and their families receive Medicaid and Early ACCESS services.

# Policy discussion

Julie Curry

The Department of Education is beginning to complete the Annual Performance Report (APR) which is due February 1, 2009, to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The APR has 14 indicators and we will review five of them today.

- C2 Natural Environment
- C4 Family Centered Services
- C5 Child Find B-1
- C6 Child Find B-3
- C8 Transition C to B

The Panel took time and divided into pairs to work with each indicator. Time was allowed for group discussions for each Indicator. A brief summary for each indicator is below.

Indicator	Summary
C2 Natural Environment	Are services going into childcare
	settings?
	• Are there coding issues?
	• Guidance on children in hospital setting
	• Are there options for childcare for
	children with special needs?
	• Concerns about who decides what is a natural environment
	• Data is captured at time of initial IFSP-
	could change over time
C4 Family Centered Services	• The sampling measures are in the Part C Annual Performance Report (posted on website), see pages 33-35, a table provides the actual sample size from each region or AEA (see Table C4-2).
	• There are 3185 served by AEAs
	• 687 families completing survey
	Overall meeting target
	Some AEAs need special attention
	• See if decline is state significant
	One more year of data needed
	• Investigate resources available

# Policy discussion (continued)

Indicator	Summary
C5 Child Find B-1	Overall meeting target
	• Region 11 doubled, why?
	• NICU relationships
	• Explore screenings for children
	under 3 months
	• Region 10 still lagging
C6 Child Find B-3	• The 6 year target was met
	• Decreases may be "Exit" before 3
	years
	• Are we targeting teen mothers?
	• Can we afford to handle increases
	without more dollars?
C8 Transition C to B	• Great increases over time for
	specific regions
	• We are not at target
	• Does this relate to when a plan is in
	place but not followed?
	• What are the implications of not
	meeting target?
	<ul> <li>Look at beddings of non</li> </ul>
	compliance

### Service coordination panel

Kelly Hancock

Kelly introduced dual service coordinators from rural settings that shared their experiences, visits, and caseloads, and answered questions from the Panel.

ICEA committee sign-up

Kelly Hancock

Kelly informed the Council members that during lunch the leaders of the six committees will be available and members can sign-up to participate on the committee. Council members who were not present at today's meeting were placed on a committee.

Below is a table which indicates the committees and the participants.

Committee	Participants
Public Policy	1. LaMark Combs
	2. Mary Nelson
	3. JoAnn Stone
	4. Stacy Kramer
	5. Jodi Angus
	6. Debra Waldron
	7. Beth Troutman
Nominating	1. Nansi Woods
	2. David Van Horn
	3. Mary Stevens
	4. Jane Borst
	5. Michael Acarregui
Governor's Report	1. Daryl Beall
	2. Carrie Sodders
	3. LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl
	4. Mary Jane Brotherson
	5. Gina Greene
	6. Shanell Wagler
By-Laws	1. Debra Sixta
	2. Angela Burke-Boston
	3. Pablo Quintanilla

## ICEA committee signup (continued)

Committee	Participants
Membership	1. Gladys Alvarez
_	2. Barbara Merrill
	3. Ron Koch
Parent Committee	1. Andrew Hall
	2. Troy McCarthy
	3. Sara Freiberg
	4. Kelly Hancock
	5. Scott Beall
	6. Jodi Angus
	7. Gina Greene
	8. Ron Koch
	9. Stacy Kramer
	* Any member who is a parent or grandparent of a child with special health care needs is welcome to join the Parent Committee.

# **Sharing of activities**

### Kelly Hancock

Kelly asked Panel members to share activities and information.

- Early Child Intervention Day on the Hill (at the Capitol) is February 12, 2009.
- Regional coordinators are meeting to discuss the indicators and are giving input back to DE.
- Former Iowa Governor's, Terry Branstad and Tom Vilsack are part of an organization assigned to help provide health coverage for children.

**Adjournment** Kelly Hancock

Kelly Hancock thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the

meeting.

**Next meeting** The next Iowa Council for Early ACCESS will be held on:

Date: Friday, January 16, 2009 Time: 10:00 am-3:00 pm Location: Stoney Creek Inn